

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2022020688

PROJECT NUMBER: 3610032-004C

PROJECT TITLE: Waterline and Manifold Replacements; Backup Generators at Existing Well Sites Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located throughout City of Needles service area, within San Bernardino County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project includes replacement of the following: 1) various water service laterals throughout the water system; 2) a six-inch water main at Monterey Avenue and Arizona Avenue and on River Road; and 3) a manifold pipe at Rivers Edge Gold Course Maintenance Yard. As well as addition of backup diesel generators at existing sites for Wells No. 15 and 16.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on June 3, 2022 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Needles will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility

systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, as well as addition of small structures.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Needles

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Rainie Torrance

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A record of financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply to exempt projects.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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